Thought for a Wednesday
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This story is just way too amusing to me to not share with you…

A church gave it's pastor a citizen's band radio one year for a birthday present. A month or two later
he received this letter from his church governing board:

"Dear Pastor: We might suggest that you are getting a little carried away with your CB hobby. Last Sunday your prayer started: 'Do you read me, Bid Daddy?' You then went on to describe our congregation as 'wall-to-wall and treetop-tall.'

It was a bit much when you kept referring to Moses the Lawgiver as the 'Sinai Bear.' We believe our congregation would have better understood your sermon on the hereafter without constant reference to 'negatory purgatory.' And last of all, we prefer a reverential 'Amen' to 'From Holy Roller to Big Daddy… ten-four!' Signed, Your Church Board."

Now, some of you are too young to realize how our language changed with the coming of the CB radio – It seemed like in the mid-70's everyone had one, either in their car, truck or home so we could keep up with the 18-Wheelers rolling down the highway. Back in those days I even tolerated country music and one of my favorite songs was C.W. McCall's "Convoy" – Anybody remember that one? But you know what, for the hype it created for a couple of years it turned out to be just another passing fad.

I think many people move from one fad to another – If you're old enough, you can remember the Davey Crockett craze, or the hula-hoop, Duncan yo-yo's, designer jeans, etc… Today it's texting, Facebook, Twitter and the latest electronic gizmo and gadget that either Apple or Microsoft can put out on the market. In such a changing world, is there anything that stays the same?

Last week my family began our sixth month here in Saratoga Springs – When we first arrived it was cold, icy, and as much snow as we were used to in Buffalo! But now, Spring is in full bloom and Summer is about to take over as school near ending till the Fall. We're settling in slowly but surely into our new surrounding – Admittedly, some of the transitions have been smoother than others, some have been extremely difficult and some surprisingly pleasant.

Guess what? You too have been through some of the same transitions. You've gotten a new pastor and family who you don't know too well, and that can be a little unnerving. Some of you have graduated from High School, College, Graduate school and that's a big transition as you begin to ponder your future and the challenges ahead. Some are getting married, some of going to be new parents or parents again in a few months – Again, transition, adjustment, uncertainty…

Do we have anything on which to anchor our lives? The songwriter gives us a clue: "On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand."

You see, there **IS** something that never changes – His name is Jesus Christ! *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."* (Hebrews 13:8) There is a foundation upon which you can build a life. This is not a fad that will be here today and gone tomorrow. That foundation is Jesus Christ and He has an invitation for days like today: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* (Matthew 11:28) In these days of change, put something functional into your life – Keep your eyes on Jesus!

Be Strong, Be Courageous, Be Fearless – and remember…

Christ **IS** All!

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